

VZCZCXRO4689
OO RUEHCI
DE RUEHKT #0178 0421108

ZNY CCCCC ZZH
O 111108Z FEB 08
FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7992
INFO RUEHB/AMEMBASSY BEIJING PRIORITY 6299
RUEHWB/AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY 0003
RUEHLM/AMEMBASSY COLOMBO PRIORITY 6630
RUEHKA/AMEMBASSY DHAKA PRIORITY 1895
RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY 4653
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY 5881
RUEHNE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY 2216
RUEHCI/AMCONSUL KOLKATA PRIORITY 4015
RHMF/CDR USPACOM HONOLULU HI PRIORITY
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC PRIORITY
RHEFDIA/DIA WASHDC PRIORITY
RHEHN/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY 1984
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 3086
RUEHPS/USOFFICE PRISTINA PRIORITY 0007

C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 000178

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

STATE FOR EUR (SEIJI SHIRATORI)

E.O. 12958: DECL: 02/11/2018

TAGS: PREL UN UNMIK PGOV YI EU NP

SUBJECT: NEPAL: CHARGE STRESSES RECOGNITION OF KOSOVO
INDEPENDENCE

REF: STATE 13716

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Randy W. Berry. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

¶1. (C) On February 11, Charge conveyed reftel talking points to Nepalese Foreign Secretary Gyan Bahadur Acharya. Acharya was already aware of the looming declaration of independence, having spoken with EU diplomats earlier in the day. Acharya acknowledged USG views and some EU views, but indicated that the GON will most likely delay recognition for the short term. He indicated that the issue was under discussion at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also in the Prime Minister's Office. Charge repeated the demarche with Aditya Baral, Senior Adviser to Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, who promised to raise the issue when speaking to the PM later today.

¶2. (C) Given the dynamics present in Nepal's current march towards April 10 elections, reluctance to immediately grant recognition is not surprising. Agitating groups in Nepal's restive Terai region, along the border with India, are including demands for greater autonomy, to include self-determination, as a precondition for participating in the first nationwide elections in nearly a decade.

BERRY